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# UPDATE

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*Congresswoman Giffords talks to a worker hired with recovery funds to weatherize a house.*

**STIMULUS JOB IMPACT DETAILED;  
Reports: 12,000 jobs in Ariz., 640,000 in U.S.**  
- Arizona Republic, October, 31, 2009



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Dear Friends:

Every day I hear from constituents who have lost jobs, whose businesses are in trouble, or whose retirement funds have still not recovered. They all ask the same question: when is the economy going to get better?

The tough answer is that the economy is turning around, but very slowly. We've seen some good signs: consumer spending has stabilized; housing starts are rebounding; and the stock market has inched back to over 10,000 several times in the last few weeks. But unemployment is still unacceptably high – over 10% nationally and 9.3% here in Arizona.

That lingering unemployment is one of the reasons I voted to extend unemployment compensation and COBRA benefits. It's important to give Arizonans the time they need to find a job in these difficult times while protecting their access to health insurance.

The good news is that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that passed last February has created or saved nearly one million jobs, including 12,000 in Arizona.

I know how hard it is to see our neighbors and families struggling. As your Congresswoman, I am committed to doing everything I can to make sure that you have full access to the resources and assistance available to Arizona's families during this difficult time.

Sincerely yours,

*Gabrielle Giffords*  
Gabrielle Giffords,  
Member of Congress

P.S. If you are interested in learning more about the economic recovery, please sign up for e-newsletter updates at [www.giffords.house.gov](http://www.giffords.house.gov)

**"A recovery isn't a recovery until everyone who needs a job can get one. That's what I'm working for."** – *Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords*



*Congresswoman Giffords talks to job seekers about the training they are receiving at a Pima County One Stop Career Center in Tucson.*

*Congresswoman Giffords visits the United Community Health Center's Mobile Dental Lab to discuss \$1 million in funding they received from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.*



**In February, Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which was designed to invest money in our struggling economy over the next two years and provide direct tax relief to 95% of American workers. Over \$500 million has been provided for infrastructure and job creation in Southeastern Arizona, including:**

- **More than \$32 million will speed deployment of advanced technology** to cut energy use and make the electric-power grid more robust by a **Cochise County-based utility, Southwest Transmission Cooperative**
- **Over \$80 million for projects that include improving hybrid solar electric materials, maximizing our space telescope resources, and studying agriculture and drought management,** has been awarded to the **University of Arizona**
- **\$1.7 million will be used to make repairs and improve the efficiency** of low-income-owner-occupied homes to help reduce utility bills and lower energy consumption by the **Tucson Urban League**
- **\$2.2 million will be used for job training** for recently dislocated workers to get them back to work in high-skilled jobs by the **Pima County One Stop** system
- **\$300,000 to construct a new building** at the **Amado Community Food Bank** that will expand operations
- **More than \$27 million for our military installations,** including \$13,299,000 to **Davis-Monthan AFB**, \$900,000 to the **162nd Air National Guard** and \$13,844,000 to **Fort Huachuca**
- **\$16,949,440 will be put to work upgrading Interstate 10** east of Tucson from Cienega Creek to Marsh Station
- ➔ **For more information on the economic recovery, please visit [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov)**

## EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING RESOURCES

**The organizations and agencies listed below offer job training, job listings, and other services to help Arizonans during this financially challenging time.**

**Fred G. Acosta Job Corps | Tucson**  
 Phone: (520) 792-3015, (800) 733-JOBS  
[www.fredgacosta.jobcorps.gov](http://www.fredgacosta.jobcorps.gov)  
 Vocational training for young men and women in occupational areas (auto body repair, automotive repair, building and apartment maintenance, business and clerical, electrical wiring, plumbing, retail sales, medical office support and health occupations).

**Pima County One Stop Career Center - Kino One Stop | Tucson**  
 Phone: (520) 243-6700 • [www.pima.gov/ced/CS/OneStop](http://www.pima.gov/ced/CS/OneStop)  
 Provides an integrated network of programs designed to connect local employers and job seekers. Includes assessment, career planning, employability skills training, job search assistance, and placement assistance. A Workforce Development Specialist is available to offer on-site personal assistance.

**Pima County One Stop - Jackson Employment Center | Tucson**  
 Phone: (520) 838-3300 • [www.pima.gov/ced/CS/OneStop](http://www.pima.gov/ced/CS/OneStop)  
 Each client is first assisted with shelter and other basic needs and then enrolled in a two-week employability skills training program.

**Cochise County Workforce Development - One Stop Career Center | Sierra Vista**  
 Phone: (520) 458-9309 • [www.cochiseworkforce.com](http://www.cochiseworkforce.com)  
 Administers WIA funds which provide training for people who are seeking employment. Provides workstations with self-guided website to access a comprehensive listing of Career Information, Employer Information and Entrepreneur Information with local, state, and national resources and data.

**DES Employment Administration/ Jobs Program - District Office | Tucson**  
 Phone: (520) 628-6810 ext. 250 • [www.azdes.gov](http://www.azdes.gov)  
 Employment assistance, on-the-job training, and work experience for people who are employable Cash Assistance recipients.

**DES Employment Administration/ - Job Service - Cochise County | Douglas**  
 Phone: (520) 364-4446 • [www.azdes.gov](http://www.azdes.gov)

**Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Office | Tucson**  
 Phone: (520) 886-0889, (520) 629-4952  
[www.vba.va.gov/ro/phoenix/vre/vre\\_outbased.htm](http://www.vba.va.gov/ro/phoenix/vre/vre_outbased.htm)  
 Vocational rehabilitation and employment services.

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**For a more complete list of job and training resources, visit [www.giffords.house.gov/economy](http://www.giffords.house.gov/economy)**

**UPDATE:**

## HEALTH CARE

On November 7th, the House passed a health insurance reform bill that I supported. Key provisions were included that many of you told me were important such as preventing insurance companies from denying care to individuals with pre-existing conditions, providing tax breaks to small businesses, and including tort reform measures.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

The Senate is now working on their version of health insurance reform legislation. After it passes the Senate, a conference committee, composed of members of both the House and Senate, will negotiate one single bill that will go back to both chambers for a vote.

**For more information on the Affordable Health Care for America Act, go to my Web site at [www.giffords.house.gov/insurancereform](http://www.giffords.house.gov/insurancereform)**

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